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## RUSSIA ANNOYED

### Pert Note On Jap Peace Conference

London, July 23. In its reply to the United States' invitation to attend preparatory Japanese peace treaty talks on August 19, the Soviet Union declared that it does not agree that the question of the calling of a Conference should be decided on unilaterally by the United States Government without previous consultation with Russia, China and Great Britain, Moscow Radio reported tonight.

The reply added that Russia considers it essential that the question of calling a Conference to draft a Japanese peace treaty should be examined preliminarily by the Council of Foreign Ministers.

In its reply, the Soviet Government said that the invitation was sent to M. Molotov, and "simultaneously the United States Government began unilateral negotiations on this subject with representatives of the Far Eastern Commission.

"The United States Government thus started preparations for the Conference without consulting the Governments of the Soviet Union.

China and Great Britain." Saying that during the war, the three Powers, Britain, Soviet Russia I and the United States reached definite agreements on the peace settlement, Moscow Radio declared: "It suffices to refer to such ,documents as the Cairo Declaration, the decisions of the Yalta Conference and the Potsdam Declaration.

### "CANNOT AGREE"

China decided in the December these four countries should take part descried because of panic in the Allied Council for Japan, and the workers. that the Far Eastern Commission in Washington would take its decisions with the concurrence of the representatives of the four powers, by which means a special interest in questions relating to postwar conditions in Japan were recognised.

"The Soviet Government cannot agree that the question of calling a Conference for the drafting of a peace treaty with Japan should be decided upon unliaterally by the United States Government, without stopped by boulders and a previous consultation with the Governments of the Soviet Union, China. and Great Britain. all the more since the Council of Foreign Ministers, formed upon the initiative of reported to be Moslems. the United States, was created precisely for preparatory work in connection with the drafting of the peace treaties.

"In accordance with these considerations, the Government of the Soviet Union considers it essential that the question of calling a Contreaty with Japan be examined pre-Ministers."—Reuter.

## COUNTER-OFFENSIVE INDONESIANS

# Jogjakarta Against

Batavia. July 23. The Republican Radio announced today that the Indonesian Army launched an offensive against the Dutch along the Sabit River, west of Batavia, and counterattacked on\_the\_north-coast with such swiftness that the Dutch had been beaten back to the outskirts of Semarang.

The broadcast said the offensive had driven the Dutch back to their first positions but did not pinpoint the action.

The Republican Radio reported that 50 Dutch tanks were driving on Prapatan, 15 miles west of Cheribon.

A Dutch military spokesman denied that troops had been landed at Cheribon. He said a column was headed overland for Cheribon from Bandung. "We want the harbour nicely intact," he added .- United Press.

## POLICE FIRE ON MOB

### Riots In India:

Calcutta, July 23. The police opened fire three times to disperse unruly mobs at Kharagpur, big coal centre and railway junction near here, where military and railway auxillary forces were called up to deal with a communal disturbance, it was reported today.

It was learned that the toll of "In addition, the United States, the disturbances was six killed and Great Britain, the U.S.S.R. and 86 injured and admitted to hospital. Dutch planes bombed Gardet, a agreement of 1945 in Moscow that The railway workshops were

> The District Magistrate, with camped in the disturbed area.

### TRAIN ATTACKED

Eight people were killed and 20 were injured in a stabbling outrage following -- the hold-up - of -a special train near Lahore today.

The train, carrying workers, was length placed across the line.

killed by the attackers, who were the north coast.

The engine driver cleared the line and drove the train to the nearest station. where troops and police cordoned off the neighbouring villages to carry out extensive

Two incidents of bomb-throwing ference for the drafting of a peace and three cases of arson were reported from different sectors liminarily by the Council of Foreign | Labore last night. There were, no casualties or damage.—Reuter.

TANKS IN ACTION Batavia, July 23. Two Dutch army drives on Jogjakarta, isolated hill capital the Indonesian Republic, were reported today, as the Dutch claimed big successes in the three days since their "police action" against the Republic was launched.

A Republican source said that in Dutch force, including about 100 tanks and armoured cars, was pushed back from Salatiga, strategic town about 30 miles south of the Dutchheld port of Semarang. While their radio reported that Salatiga had become "a battle-

they believed this Dutch push was simed at Jogjakarta. At the same time the Republican communique spoke of a new Dutch drive southeast of the mid-island railway town of Bandung, along the

ground," the Republicans said that

road and railway towards Jogiakar-In this area, the communique said. small town on a railway branch-line in the mountains 20 miles southeast of Bandung, and machine-gunned a

The rich rice lands in the eastern military force and armed police, has part of the island were, meanwhile. reported in the Dutch communique to have been the scene of considerable Dutch gains. Eight towns had been captured, it was claimed.

### TROOPS FAN OUT

-From their landing places at Banluwangi, railhead coast town on the rextreme eastern tip of the island. Dutch troops, the communique said, had fanned out to occupy all the chief towns east of a line from Pro-Five Sikhs and three Hindus were bolinggo, main Indonesian port on

> In central Java, the transport town of Bangil. 25 miles inlandthrough which goes all rail and road traffic to the eastern peninsula -was mentioned in Indonesian reports as the probable objective of two Dutch thrusts from the north

The Dutch communique said that Netherlands troops, driving southwards from. Java's largest port. Sourabaya, had reached Bangil. Places occupied in western Java, according to the Dutch communique, included Salatiga (where the Republicans claimed to have pushed resembling the old basis. back the Dutch force) ...

raging around the town.

arrested some "fifth columnists." reported to have penetrated the town end. during, the night, but Antara re-

been driven out. west of Bandjoewangi.

### POWER STATION TAKEN The Dutch were now concentrat-1

occupied the power station of this central Java town. In western Java, Antara said that

Krawang, Java's most important rice rstore, 35 miles east of Batavia, was among several towns and airfields on which air raids were made. In Sumaira, where the Dutch com-

had been captured, the Indonesian Republican radio said that the Dutch were using Jopanese troops and that two of them were captured, The Jogjakarta radio tonight ap-Council scheme, and they will call | pealed to the youths, and students.

movements of India for assistance to prevent further fighting in Indonesia. seemed possible since the Indoneand his advisers on the manner | Indies, a packed house in the Dutch | tions with a view to meeting in some States-General second, chamber at measure the Netherlands proposals"; the Hague listened in grim, silence Mr Boyin declared. to /n 25 minute statement (on the . (Configued on Page 4)

### situation by the Dutch Prime Minister, Dr Louis Beel.

Dr Beel, speaking of the Linggadjati- agreement of last March, providing for the establishment of a United States of Indonesia by Janunry, 1949, declared that although Article 17 of the agreement provide for arbitration, in this case arbitration must be ruled out.

The prospects of early outside mediation in the Netherlands-Indonesian dispute receded tonight after speeches, by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, in the House of Commons, and Dr Beel; Netherlands Premier, in the Dutch Parliament, diplomatic observers in London believed.

From Washington, it was reported that after British and United States officials had conferred on the Indonesian situation there today, it was learned that they saw little hope of their governments having an apportunity of active mediation in the dispute in the near future.

predicted that the fighting in Indonesia would probably continue for the next few weeks, with the Dutch seizing the main towns and the Republicans taking to the country, before efforts at mediation could be assumed.

Caution was the keynote of Mr. Bevin's forecasts of future British efforts for a peaceful solution. He refrained from any reference to the Indian communication received in London\_today, appealing\_for\_British

### HOPEFUL FACTOR

The strong Indian interest in the checking of disturbed conditions in southeast Asia has been considered in London as a hopeful factor in the situation. But it is understood that the communication will be power for industrial and communi- The Commission did not disclose

contained in the Linggadiati agreesituation, has been interpreted in London as an indication that the Dutch Government is waiting for the development of a new situation before seeking a settlement.

There is obviously no intention on the Netherlands side of resuming negotiations with the present Indonesian Government on anything

In his account of British efforts . The position there as described by to avert a breakdown. Mr Bevin Antara, Indonesian news agency, to- said in the House of Commons that night was that the battle was still ever since December, 1945, when the political adviser to the Supreme The Republicans were stated to Allied Commander-in-Chief, Southhave repulsed the first attacks east Asia, was authorised to make yesterday when the town was as- the first attempt to exercise his saulted from all sides and they then good offices to bring the two parties together, the British Government Eleven Dutch armoured cars were had continued its: efforts to that

ported loday that they had, since in 1946. Lord Inverchapel was sent to Batavia by the British Govern-The Antara report also said that ment and succeeded in securing a Dutch troops in the east had pene- wide measure of agreement between trated within artillery range of the Netherlands authorities and the Bondoweso, 45 miles to the north- Indonesians on certain proposals, -a figure Edrich passed a few days 100 included one five and 13 fours. at Wembley tonight by 6-1, 3-8, 6-3. providing for Indonesian autonomy ago: within the framework Netherlands Kingdom.

Unfortunately, these proposals were found to be unacceptable by miles south of Semarang, and had the Netherlands Government at the Hague and in August, 1946 Lord Killearn was invited by both parties to use his good offices.

### SUGGESTION: REJECTED:

Referring to the latest negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesians, Mr Bevin, recalling that there were one or two outstanding points in which the Indonesian authorities were reluctant to accept the Dutch proposals, said that one of them-was the Dutch proposal for the creation of a joint Dutch-Indonesian army which would restore order in the

Eyen on this, a compromise While fighting continued in the slans werd ready to resume negotia-

## Terrorists Call Off Truce

Jerusalem, July 23. The Irgun Zvai Leumi tonight declared its truce was "officially at an end" and attacked Haganah's "incon-· sistency" and also gave notice of their intention to approach an unidentified nation to raise the Palestine issue with the Security Council.

Speaking tersely, the broadcaster said, "Until a United Nations decision is taken, the fight will go on. Nay, the fight will become crueller .... we do not see the difference in deportation to Cyprus and deportation to France. They are both deportations .. the Haganah does not know its own mind. Is it or is it not at war with the British? They are fighting them today but not to-morrow."

"The Haganah youth is clamouring for consistency . . we need a direct approach to the Security Council, but what country will do it for us? There is one that will."-

## Atomic Plants Working At Full Blast

Washington, July 23. - The Atomic Energy Commission reported to the Congress tonight that the nation's atomic plants are working at full blast but more help from private enterprise is needed to maintain and increase the present United States lead in the nuclear field.

The five-man Civilian Commission | The Commission said. "A continuathese points:

nery is established to insure that this be overcome." activity can be relaxed without

applications of atomic energy de-pend on today's research. Many Although our long-range pretalented people, many well-managed eminence in the field of atomic institutions and private undertakings energy requires major scientific and now otherwise engaged must active- technical advance, ... our .. immediate ly participate in the atomic energy programme. Great effort is necessary pute in the near future.

If this country is to hold and extend interruption."—United Press.

Authoritative - Washington sources. Its present leadership.

PACIFIC EXPERIMENTS

### PEACETIME. USES

have been maintained and a atomic weapons." survey of effectiveness is being

4. An important beginning has uses of atomic energy. Radio headed by David E. Lilienthal. isotopes, most promising tool in health and physics.

5. Large-scale production of atomic and at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

how long it will be. atomic research on a vast scale.

headed by David' Lilienthal made tion or even an improvement of the present processes is not enough. To 1. "The Commission has given rely on exsting knowledge alone principal attention to the production | would be disastrous. New efforts in of atomic weapons. We mean to fundamental research must be made maintain and increase the present comparable in intensity and breadth pre-eminence of the United States in of imagination to the wartime effort alomic weapons until such time as which produced the first atomic bomb. the Congress affirms that acceptable More effective production methods international agreements have been must be developed so that innumerreached and an appropriate muchi- able technological difficulties might

The Commission called for help indangering the national security." from scientists of privately-owned laboratories and industry-"even if 2. Tomorrow's military industrial this requires that for the time they national security demands that present operations i continue without PACIFIC EXPERIMENTS

### Washington, July 23.

The Atomic Energy Commission 3. The security regulations in revealed tonight that it was "es- agreeing to release them. This, reforce when the Civilian Commission tablishing proving grounds in the latives of the students claim, is a assumed responsibility on January Pacific for experiments and tests in move to absolve the military from The Commission refused

elaborate on the announcement. which was contained in the second semi-annual report to the Congress been made at exploiting pencetime of the five-man civilian Commission The report said merely, that the chemistry, blology and medicine, atomic experiments would be "rouare being produced and distributed tine." No indication was given as in ever increasing quantity. Re- to what part of the Pacific would be search is being carried forward in the site. In the past, atomic tests | have been conducted at Bikini lugoon

closely studied by the British Gov- ty use continues to be a major, if any hint of possible new atomic weaernment before any reply is made. long-term, goal. But a number of pons in its report. It emphasised The Dutch Premier's statement basic advances in physics will be that there was a number of imthat the provisions for arbitration required before power can be pro- portant phases of the atomic energy duced at satisfactory efficiency and programme which could not be ment did not apply to the present cost. It is speculative to estimate presented in a public report. It said sceret phases of the programme had The Commission gave special em- been reported at closed sessions of phasis to the need for continuing the Joint Congressional Committee attempted to escape from the police. on Atomic Energy.—United Press,

## Students Languish In Prison

### Sequel To Shanghai Demonstrations

Shanghai, July 24. Refusing to sign acknowledgments of their guilt, 38 university students and four reporters, arrested last month by the military authorities as "agitators" are cooling, their heels in Shanghai jails, with

no trials in prospect. Twelve more students were released at the beginning of this month, after their parents had signed statements admitting their guilt and guaranteeing their future good behaviour.

Parents of those detained refused to divulge details of the "confessions" required by the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters, but it was reliably learned that one stipulation required the prisoners to leave Shanghai immediately upon

### UPRISING THREAT

The situation arose as a result of the nationwide student demonstrations, late in May, culminating in a threatened "uprising" on June 2. In the early hours of June 1, however, gendarmes took in 50 students and four newspaper reporters-two of them girls—whom they accused of disturbing public prace and threatening security by their actions and articles.

The uprising did not come off, but these students and reporters were not released, and it was announced they would be deported forthwith to Communistaheld areas. Appeals to Princeton-educated Mayor K. C. Wu failed to free them, but the deportation plans were dropped.

### HABEAS CORPUS DENIED

Despite various public petitions and ngwepaper editorials, no trial - has been scheduled, and the authorities demand written statements acknowledging the prisoners' guilt before out warrants, Habeas Corpus writs have been requested but not granted. Some parents of arrested students indicated they would carry the case to the government. They have not' been permitted to see the prisoners. -United-Press.

### **ASSASSINATORS** ARRESTED

Radio New Delhi broadcast a report from Rangoon tenight that the police" had arrested the man who assassinated the Burmese government leaders last Saturday.

The broadcast, monitored by the Exchange Telegraph, said one of the men was shot and killed while he -United Press.

## The Fabulous Edrich Scores 267 Not Out

London, July 23. the fourth Test match against South Africa opening at Leeds Africans opened here today. on Saturday was today's performance of the Middlesex Compton, who figured in a bril- i the day. liant third wicket stand of 211

The close of play scores were: At Kennington Oval: Surrey . 398 (Parker 204 not out). Derbyshire. 43 for no wickets At Bournemouth: Hampshire 223 McCorkell 03, Harrison 53). Essex

151 for two (Dodds 62). At Maldstone: Somerset 153 (Harding four for 49, Mallett four for 45). Kent 195 for four (Todd 93. not out). At Northampton: Middlesex 407

ants 30 for three. ... Carey 90. Howorth five for 117). Worcestershire 23 for no wickets.

-Reuter - - a later CENTURY AGAINST S.A. Palsley, Scotland, July 23.

but through Scotland's 250 minutes called even, and the 11th. His A good omen for England in first innings for an unblemished best round was the last when he century when a two-day match be- closed Chavez right eye. tween Scotland and the South The referee voted for Dade by four

Scotland made 167 and the tourists had scored 13 for the loss of one "Twins." Bill Edrich and Denis wicket when rain stopped play for

Altchison's century was the first It will be recalled, he said, that runs against Northamptonshire, to be made for a Scottish side

> the South African bowlers a long Monday when Miss Betz, ran out time to subdue the Scottish bats- winner by 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. men. Smith was the hardest work- The final meeting between the ed bowler and he finished with three two Americans takes place on Friwickets for 72. Payri also claimed day. three wickets at a cost of 44 runs. -Reuter:

### RETAINS TITLE

Los Angeles, July 23. Carlos Chavez (126. lbs), of Los for five declared (Edrich 207 not Angeles, defending his California out, Compton 110, Mann, 54). North- featherweight; title, took a split Two Scottish international golfers, ints 30 for three. ... Sussex 350 decision from Harold Dado (123½ Johnny Fallon and G. McIntosh, At Worcester: Sussex 350 lbs.), also, of Los Angeles and former equalled the course record of 67 to (James Langridge 83, Bartlett 66, world's buntamweight champion share the lead at the end of the . Chavez, a' 10-1 favourife, piled up first round proper of the North an early lead in a 12-round bout in, British Two Thousand Guineas pro-At Cardiff: Glamorgan 193 (Dy- the Olympic Auditorium and wrest- fessional golf tournament, which was son 57. Pollard four for 38, Roberts led Dade to the canvas in the second played here today. four for 49). Lancashire 85 for three, round after buckling his knees with Scoring, generally, was low, seven hard lefts and rights to the chin. players breaking 70. The Austra-He hurt Dade again with head blows linn, Norman Von Nida, is one stroke in the fourth. ... behind the leaders, while the Bel-

points but the judges and the crowd of 9,000 sided with Chavez-

### BETZ BEATEN

Mrs Sarah Palfrey Cooke, former Edrich batted on after losing against a South African, touring American doubles champion, beat Compton and made 267 not out to side. Making his strokes with the Miss Pauline Betz, last year's record the highest individual post- polish of a high class batsman, he Wimbledon singles champion, in war score in England. Compton com- scored all round the wicket and was their second match in the indoor pleted his 2,000 runs for the season never in difficulties. His innings of professional lawn tennis tournament Mrs Cooke thus avenged the de-On a very plumb wicket, it took feat suffered in the first match last

### backhand to good purpose .- Reuter.

Displaying fine control and volley-

ing dexterously, Mrs Cooke con-

centrated her attack on Miss Betz's

Harrogate, July 23.

James Altchison, 27-year-old Dade won every round after the gian champion, Flory Van Donck. leading Scottish batemen, carried his sixth except the 10th, which was returned 73 Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Municipal Government

LIRST note of doubt raised by Sir Mark Young's statesmanlike memorandum for the establishment of a Municipal Council is the degree of self-government promised by the scheme. Many will feel disappointed. In its immediate substance - the Municipal Council is to be little more than an enlarged edition of the existing UDC, fulfilling the same functions, plus administration of the Fire Brigade, parks, gardens and recreations, the licensing and control of places of amusement, and the licensing of vehicles. It is manifest that Whitehall intends Hongkong to proceed slowly and carefully along the road to selfgovernment. "hir Creech-Jones underscores this by insisting that powers and functions a now exercised by the central government shall be delegated and not transferred to the Municipal Council, while Sir Mark Young feels the necessity of caution innamuch that his plan provides for eventual supervision by the Municipal Council of Education, Social Welfare, Town Planning. Public Works, Public Utilities and so on. There are plenty of reasons for supporting this conservative policy. The public is about to assume civic responsibilitles, experience of which has proviously been enjoyed by only a handful of residents. A futclago period is both necessary and de-

sirable. Morcover, as we have already noted; the enfranchised have the task of finding the necessary number of Councillors who possess not only the statutory qualifications but also the other essential qualities upon which successful local administration depends. Thirty will be needed, and for many of them it will be their first experience of such responsible administrative duties. They too, will need guidance, and to more likely to lead to a breakdown of the Municipal Govern- ling in the area of Toentang, 20 chance to get properly offed and in good working condition. Furthermore, the inclination to feel disgruntled over the limited cipal Council is tempered by the this moment it is only necessary. to compliment Sir Black Young they have fulfilled a complicated and onerous lask.

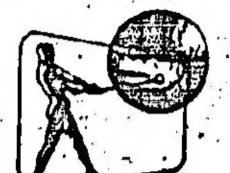
overburden them with too many functions and too much power is ment machinery before it has a operations of the proposed Munknowledge that parallel with the setting up of this body is the elimination of the Official majority. | munique reported that many places on the Legislative Council and its substitution by an Unofficial majority. There are a dozen other scarching considerations associated with the proposed Municipal for comment in due course. At



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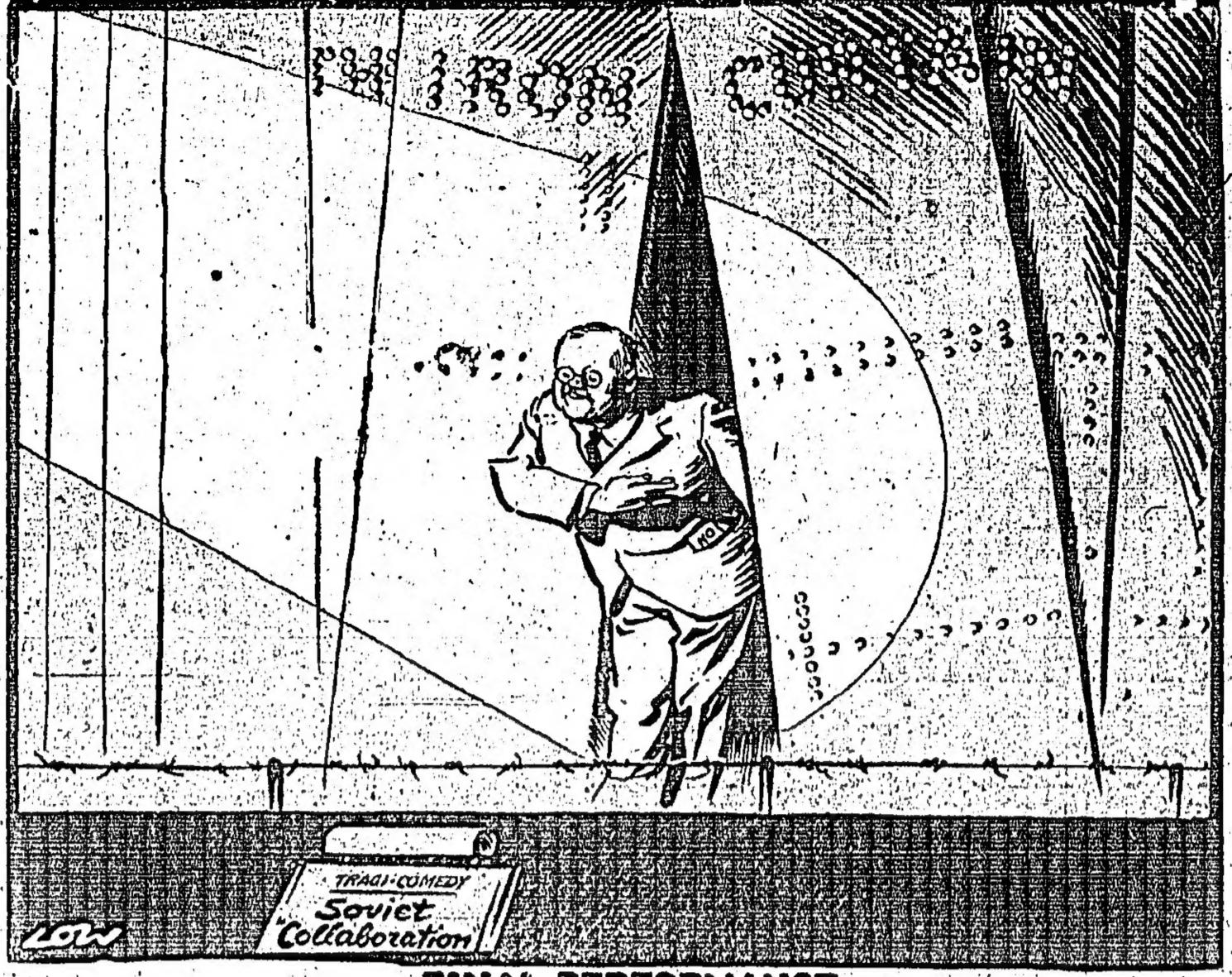
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Patrolling a wharfside beat 166 miles in length, his 500 Port of London Authority policemen guard 4,000 acres: of land and water, ships and sheds, crews and cargoes. It may (or may not) comfort smokers to learn that £138,000,000. worth of tobacco alone is in his care.

While I drove round this rich territory with Mr Simmons, he explained that, although they are clamping down on the bad boys with mounting success, pilferage provides his big headache.

To sneak stolen property, through any dock gates is about as easy as smuggling a doublebus into Westminster Abbey. Consequently, most offenders are scamen who broach cargoes, stowing away what they steal and selling the stuff at overseas ports.

Last quarter the P. L. A. investigated 263 cases. Their hands fell arrestingly on 226 shoulders, recovering nearly 70 per cent. of the

As I left the docks and walked through Pennyfields, the chopsupy belt looked dreary and unromantic. Down Mandarin-street not a mandarin stirred.

Trust the people

A T the "Trust the People" exhibition Mr GODFREY A NICHOLSON, Tory M.P. for Farnham, addressed a lunchtime audience of 23, which within ten minutes swelled to 31, including one girl announcer, one commissionnire, one duty nurse in case of accidents, and myself.

Among other things, Mr Nicholson told us that (1) under Socialism we were suffering from managerial tyranny; (2) in the 19th century world peace was kept by the British Navy; (3) we-were loved by all the peoples we ruled throughout the world.

This last statement was promptly challenged by 18-year-old AN-THONY BARCLAY, a Hertfordshire landworker of superior education. who had hitch-hiked to London. Asked Barclay: "What about the Indians?"

Another enemy sniper present was youthful RUTH EADE, of St Hugh's College, Oxford, who commented tartly that the speaker had hardly given a satisfactory exposition of Tory policy, had he?

Looking rather pained, poor Mr Nicholson explained that all he had been trying to do was say a few polite words to boost the exhibition

### Over-Reach

TN a current poster-design ccmpetition for young art-school students and fostered by the Travel Association, one 2nd prize winner, ROBERT HARDING, illustrates on attractive view of Swanage, with the message below: "Visit Britain's countrys do by Green Line."

As young Robert propeses having More than 80 items of food have ways been charged since the war in a month's holiday in France with his £25 prize it seems a pity to spoil But instead of the usual jostling it by pointing out that Swanage is crowd there were few people about 130 miles away from London, and quite inaccessible by Green Line coach, \*

-And he never talks MECLARED Mr CHICO MARX

at a public luncheon: "Give me o ing "consumer resistance." There is plane, a wig and okay-I'll entertain likely to be a lot more of it over the you. But a speech? In our family only Harpo makes the speeches."

# All of a sudden people have stopped SPENDING

BERNARD HARRIS

postwar spending boom in which hundreds of millions of pounds have been poured out on entertainment, holidays and nonessentials is beginning to col-

· People who were flush with ing now that they "cannot tip. afford present prices.

Housewives are finding that their weekly allowance, leaves little or nothing over for spending on luxuries.

First evidence of this reemergence of what the econo--mists-call-"consumer-resistance" has come in a sharp drop in cinema box-office receipts.

· The average drop over the country is reckoned at 15 percent. and looks like becoming even more pronounced.

shape, and the fashionable night clubs report deserted dance floors for the first time since the

### Hotel shock

the most convincing signs of a growing "hardupness" come from the senside resorts, where the contraction in spending has shocked hotel owners and caterers, who were looking for a repetition of last year's lavish outpouring of

For the first time in years some of the gilt is being knocked off Blackpool's "golden mile." This Whitsun there were no queues for strawberry ices at 2s. 6d. each or

half a pound of cherries at 1s. 6d.

From Bridlington come reports 000 was deposited in them.

At Torquay this Whitsun 80 perof visitors protesting at being. Much of that money has been cent, of the visitors were middlecharged 2s. 6d.—sometimes even upont some of it in setting up homes, aged or elderly. The town's ormore—for a fish and a chip tea that some of it simply in "having a good ganisers asked, "Where are the cost 1s. 6d. during the winter... is time."

Skegness did reasonably well in its rent earnings. larger hotels and boarding-houses, but there were many spare bedrooms sitract a single guest.

two-thirds full, tells of a "growing official cost of living index. That tendency to grumble at high prices" index has apparently become in--especially, in those restaurants capable of movement, and no one where a high tea for a family of pays any attention to it any more. money a year ago are confess- five costs father a pound note and a

### More evidence

LTHOUGH conferences brought A 15,000 visitors to Brighton, some fallen. of its larger hotels were not even half full. Many restaurants were left with stocks of food on their hands.

From Bournemouth also comes evidence of unwillingness to pay the very high prices charged in some of the luxury hotels which were bought by speculators and opened up cash in on last year's big beom.

visitors at Whitsun, compared with inquey because their chocolate and 10,000 to 12,000 a year ago. Some of the smaller hotels with 20 to 40 Theatres are in no better bedrooms had only four or five guests aplece.

> complaint. "Last summer," a Avaltress said, "the demobs were giving me half-crown tips. This year 3d. is about the limit." · Visitors to holels in Newquay,

> Falmouth and St Ives numbered only 60 percent, of last year and , their spending power was estimated only 50 percent. Some places were luckier. Porthcawl. South Wales resort of 10,000

people, had 50,000 day trippers and

8,000 weekly visitors—thanks in part to the higher earnings in the neighbouring coal valleys. Prestatyn and Rhyl also had few complaints, and Southport benefitted from the conferences held in its;

### Less cash

DUT on balance the evidence is over Spending by holldaymakers is D whelming. Despite near-record estimated to have dropped by 30 per- deposits in the banks and enormous. cent. The hotels, packed out last pent-up spending power, in accumuyear, were little more than half lated savings, there is much less each

jection by visitors when they learn-, change is that a year ago ed that £2 a day was being asked Government had opened 3,400,000 | Hardest hit by the drying-up of anstance of how the scheme works (Tomorrow: How to Build Massfor quite ordinary hotel accommoda- savings bank accounts for demobbed surplus; spending money are the in practice. men and women: About £200,000,- families with young children. . . .

. So now spending on entertain- But the fact that most of us have ment and non-essentials has to be less to spend on goods and services met by many instances from cur- we can do without is not wholly a

And though wage rates are still in the small places. Some failed to tending upwards, the cost of essen- come down and that we can look tials is rising even faster and leaving forward to a return to the good old Great Yarmouth, with its hotels course, is not borne out by the real value for money.

But there is no doubt about the son." rise in the real cost of living.

gone up in price this year, compared levening beak hours. with barely half a dozen that have

Here are a few that are making bigger inreads into the housewife's purse: Coffee, tea, cocoa, jam, treacle, condensed milk, oatmeal, dried fruit, dried-egg-canned-meat,-biscuits,---Utility sheets and towels and household textiles are costing 20 to 60 percent more, linoltum and carpet prices have been raised.

Torquay attracted only 4,000 The children want more pocket boiled sweets are costing more.

Motorials will soon pay 20 percent. more for car insurance, and are already paying more for petrol, more From Ilfracombe comes an unusu il for repairs.

### Rents jumping

**DENTS** of many houses and flats are jumping because of stiff increases in rates. Uncontrolled flat and house prices are soaring.

And, despite atrenuous efforts at in duplicate (back and forth) for conomy. Chancellor Dalton's heavy a permit. On receiving the appliincrease in tebacco and elgarette cation back; he would have sent in prices is scriously curtailing luxury spending in other directions.

Another influence affeoling a wide section of the population is that the The duplicates would then days of "casy money" on the Stock Exchange are almost gone,

Since the crack in the markets last autumn the average epeculator has no longer been; able to count on making an almost automatic capital profit.

knowing what it is to make a loss, consultation with the central panel and that salutary experience is of experts. And so on. . Scarborough reports a strong ob- One of the main reasons for this responsible for a considerable but. It gives me great pleasure to be youchsafed the assistant. toning-up of pockets.

At Torquay this Whitsun 80 per- Twitter-twitter

youngaters?"

bad thing.

a smaller surplus each week. This of days when we demanded, and got, Lately at our local fair the batter-.ed piece of tinplate on the centre-

It means that prices will inevitably

pole of the ""dodgem" track read "Two shillings a car, a shilling a per-That was the price that had al-

and three of the cars were idle,

As I watched, the man in charge

crossed the track and reversed the

tinplate so that it read, "One shilling a car, sixpence a person," That is the orthodox way of meetwaning months.

BY THE WAY

### Yrs. faithfully,

eat dried egg-dust instead, had at the card-board cap. obviously not made use of the Suet multiple registration Games for long nights Under this he would have applied

two more (up and down). Then each would have been sent to and. fro singly, until three were with him and one with the Department. besn. demanded, and when sent, filed for reference, while the other The wrong dynasty two came back from the other people to be returned on receipt of the original two; pending decision, of stolen gods.... The case would then have come before the regional registration board, for reference to the interim Some of them, indeed, are now authority's inspection officers, after

nt last able to give a concrete

TEAR Sir, made many birds more friendly lessons).

by Beachcomber THE man who asked permis- than they usually are. Looking out sion to erect a henhouse on of my window to watch the tits his own land, and was told to slpping at my milk-bottle, I saw,

### . Countryman.

What is it that has 246 wheels and won't fit into a cable-station wait-

Myself: Yes. The inaccuracy have makes the game more entrancing.

Produose: 82, surely, ...

84 tricycles.

Suspected of being a receiver

(Morning paper). "I will have that Chinese idol in the corner." said the short-sighted woman in the antique shop:

"That, madam, is the propfletor,"

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If colouring your hair makes you verging on to cold. Your shampoo mixture should be poured gently look younger, attractive or Glamorous -colour it, of course! But do a good through the hair. Get someone to do job. Better no colour than streaky this for you, if possible. Work the

Colour rinses, Unts and dyes are reaching the height of perfection and are almost fool-proof. You can do a good home job with some of them but you'll need someone to help you. 'You just can't get at the top of your

Tints and rinses CAN be applied at home. If your hair is drab you ean pep it up and improve the tone and colour. And if you do change your hair colour, do buy and use makeup shades to go with the new

Don't overdo a bleach job, if you DO overdo do lt, use a bleaching rinse to tone down the too-yellow look. If, in your enthusiasm for a Blande Personality, you have come out with hair tike straw, use het oil massage until the hair comes back | to normal. Then, perhaps, you'll be content to be YOUSELF and not a Blondel

To brighten dull, faded blonde hoir; use a rinse of peroxide and a half-pint of hot water. And a few drops of perfume extract. Pour slowly over the hair and dry with warm, lintless towels. Bleached hair often

Minte Makeys

L, GABRIELLE

Hats assume new importance!

They are big, little, wide and

wonderful. Anything goes, just so

that it is worn as it should be-

and that it is becoming. A new idea

Is Straw Flowers for Spring, cen-

tered with mirrors-to see better,

maybe! Long, "follow me, lad"

streamers are mightly intriguing!

SIDE GLANCES

"Oh, come now! This child who broke the vase must

belong to someone!"

shampeo into a lather and massage it gently into the scalp. A vinegar rinse is an excellent way to finish. for "frizzy" hair. To a pint of warm, water, and two ounces of vinegar. Pour over your hair after a thorough champoo.

If you have dark hair and want thist a glint of Red in it, try a homemade Egyptian henna powder. Pour holling water over it until it is a \$100,000,000 public debt it could not thick, creamy mass. Work it through pay, mainly owed to Great Britain, large piece of the Labrador coast Church of Christ, Scientist, in Bosfrom 5 to 20 minutes, depending upon 1934 to become a colony. This was veloped resources; the prestige of Mother Church of Christian Science how "red" you want your hair. Rinse sort of a bankruptey arrangement, adding one more province to the —faces the problems of the atomic with warm water until your hair under joint British-Newfoundland nine it now has (there is a blank age with confidence. "squeaks", 'then do a liquid soap shampoo.

### FOR THE **EPICURES**

Berlin-Epicures can now add thistle, nettle, dandelion, and wildvegetable salads to their tasty dishes

Berliners are eating such foods every day and finding them to be. quite good, ton. They say all one needs is a trip into the woods, a mixing pot, and a good imagination. Expert thistle-salad eaters call the dish a fine substitute for ordinary green salad and swear by the concoction-amateurs unused to the ways of the thistle usually swear at

."The upper parts of the thistle minutes, "warn thistle enthusiasts." Lewis, Jr.; It is air-conditioning. grinder, and then serve cold."

one should mix together many wild tional cotton pocket. vegetables. One salad mixer described his dream saind as follows: scooped into the trouser leg by the "First I take some 'jumping' weeds, flip of a cuff, rises and passes out which grow here in all gardens and of the mess pocket. Lewis demonmeadows, and place in boiling water. strates by putting a few lighted Then I put in three rhuberb leaves, eigarettes on the floor. In a few a handful of oak leaves, and a seconds a stream of smoke emerges federation negotiations have broken small bunch of either lime, elder, or from the mesh pocket. The inventor down and many Newfoundlanders acacla leaves."

"After mixing this around for five camille, or yarrow. I boil this mix- one of them mesh and the other from the United States than from ture for 10 minutes more, add a close-woven cotton. The pockei Canada. pinch of salt—just a pinch, mind using the air-flow principle is three In Canada, too, many are said to you—and then put everything to five degrees cooler. That is not feel that the disadvantages of New-through the meat grinder. Place in desirable in winter, but in summer foundland and the costs of cona salad bowl, and add a drop of it is like having one leg in the open federation, would outwelgh vinegar, and you have the finest wild air and the other in a closet,"-As- advantages of having a tenth provegetable salad in postwar Ger- sociated Press. many."-Associated Press.

By Galbraith

## NEWFOUNDLAND TO VOTE ON ITS POLITICAL FUTURE

## Confederation With Canada Possible

Ottawa, July 23. Before the end of this year the 316,000 people of Newfoundland, now a British colony and once a British Dominion, are expected to vote on the political future of their 42,500-square mile island which lies at the mouth of Canada's St. Lawrence River.

Most qualified informants believe the Plebiscite will result in a vote to confederate Newfoundland and Canada into a single Dominion.

change of status, might vote for a return to her pre-1934 position as maintain her present commission form of colony government with came new self-election modifications: At early summer meetings here, In effect, Britain told the dethe end of August. Then the plebis- ecssion from Britain. clie may be arranged.

Political developments followed the United States establishment of bases at St John's, Argentia and gift to Britain of 50 overage Ameri-A vinegar rinse softens harsh, dry, can destroyers. The United States over-blenched hair and is very good spent between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 on these, bases and, thus, helped restore to Newfoundland a degree of financial indepen-

### HEAVY PUBLIC DEBT

Newfoundland, faced by a commission rule, under which Britain agreed to restore indepenagain self-supporting." It was a year ago that the island felt itself to be ready to make new plans for the British part of North America. its future government, to form a National Convention and to present for consideration to the Dominions Office in London.

Most members of the Convention's delegation who undertook a mission to Britain last April, to determine what economic aid and other con-

# lrousers

NEW YORK. What is said to be the first im- problem). provement in men's trousers since the invention of the zipper closing has been patented by Inventor Joseph W.

After cooking, put through the ment. Lewis, an engineer, has simply mesh, durable, fire resistant and full To achieve the supreme in tastiness of fine holes, in place of the tradi-

As a result, air which is constantly

Other possibilities are that New- | cessions might be made should Newfoundlanders, whose laland gained foundland decide the remain a

Newfoundland's National Convention legation it could expect little from delegates will discuss the possible the British either in the way of merger with Canada with this forgiveness of old debts or the grant Dominion's representatives. After of new loans for development purboth sides review the proposal, the poses. Further, there was every Newfoundland delegates will debate indication the Newfoundlanders recommendations made and forward could expect nothing further in the a proposal to London, probably by way of trade or commercial con-

### MOST LIKELY CHOICE

Of the possibility of Newfoundland making a deal with the US where it Roosevelt and ex-Premier Winston has ties of interest in the Northeast, Churchill agreed 99-year leases were it is said on good authority that the granted in return for the wartime delegation was told there could be the Empire. This, most qualified informants said, made confederation with Canada the most likely choice for Newfoundland's future-provided satisfactory arrangements can be worked out between both countries.
From confederation, Canada could stand to gain:

Newfoundland's fish, forest and mineral resources (although Canada already has its own equivalent); a. shield among the provincial devices over the entrance to Canada's advantages inherent in unification of

### ALSO PROBLEMS

It would also bring Canada these

poor and sparsely populated land this word of cheer: (for 400 years Newfoundlanders have clothing, and manufactured goods, men will turn naturally to the teachand educational and health facilities ings of Christ." (illiteracy is prevalent, food costs) high and tuberculosis a

confederation Newfoundland pro- brotherly love set forth a pure, bably would also want help from spiritual Christianity." Canada in the form of the development of its railway, a mainland ferry The new president' joined the other economic aid.

with the Newfoundland situation, since the war began.-Associated there is serious doubt if the majority Press. of Newfoundlanders would welcome confederation. Twice before conare said to feel closer to the United "I have tested it by pusting ther- States than Canada and some feel spicy weed such as peppermint, mometers in each treuser pocket— more trade advantages could come

As he nears his home Rupert gets thoughtful. "If the King of the

lmps is angry it means that the young Imp of Summer is going to get into trouble," he murmura. He

shouldn't like him to be punished."

Mrs. Bear, from her front garden.

sees Rupert coming for his tea and

carrying rackets, shuttlecock and

chestnuts. To her great surprise he

doesn't open the gate, but, after,

hiding most of his things in the

hedge, he suddenly turns and runs

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## THOSE. TWO, OLD FELLOWS WHAT!

## Challenge To Christianity

The new president of the First the clean, wet hair. Leave on for gave up its political independence in which supposedly is rich in unde- ton. Massachusetts — the famed

> Mrs Helen Chaffee Elwell of dence once the country's "difficulties Parliament buildings because Canada Hebron, New Hampshire, and Bos-are overcome and the country is thought Newfoundland someday ton; the daughter of an American might join the Deminion); plus the general, regards such perplexities as a great moment for the Christian Church to "dare to be a David," employing the analogy of the Biblical character who conquered the

> > For the many who have despaired of coping with the unleashed mate-The acquisition of a physically rial forces of an atomic age, she has

been able to gain only a meagra "To the Christian Church has living), little production other than come the opportunity, unparalleled fish, pulp and paper and minerals in Christian history, to present the for export and the possible necessity true concept of God in His relationof arranging for imports of food, ship to man and the universe, that

"This is the hour," in the opinion of Mrs Elwell, "when both the pulpit and press can unite in a crusade of Informants believe that under righteousness and in a spirit of

service, family allowances for poor Mother Church in-1913. Her-recent people who comprise the bulk of election climaxed the largest annual the population, and subsidies or meeting of the Church in years. Thousands of members travelled to Boston from all parts of the world, Even then, say those acquainted many returning for the first time

## Man, Monkey, Or Both?

JOHANNESBURG. Dr Repert Broom, famed 80-yearold Scottish-born paleonthologist, is, working at the Sterkfontein caves near here in an effort to : find rea akeleton which he believes will prove the prehistoric monkey-man walked upright and used his hands for work.

He wants to find it before the American Scientific Expedition from California arrives to work at the caves. Up to now the only skeleton he has found is the fossilised remains of a giant rock rabbit that he estimates to have lived some 300,000 years ago.

In 1938, Dr Broom found a skull which world authorities agreed was the missing link between man and ape and recently he uncarthed what he calls Plestarthropus Transvaolensis, the skull of a woman he said lived about 250,000 years ago .--Associated Press.

By A C. L. WALDERSON Black, 7 pieces,

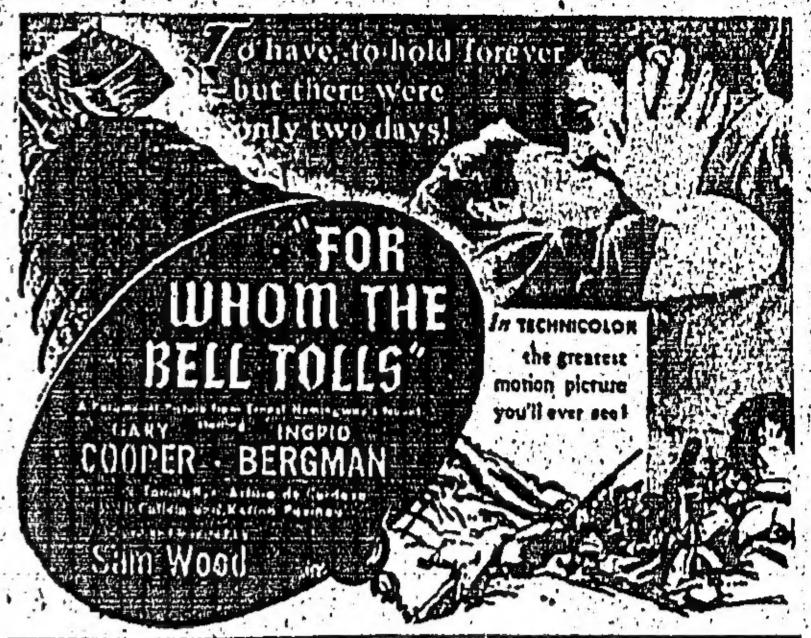


White to play and mate in two: Solution, to yesterday's L B-B7, 1. K-B3; 2, B-G6 (ch): 1. R×B; 2, Q×RP (ch): 1. K-Q1, P-Q3, 4; 2, B-QK16 (ch); 1. R×B, K-

D4; 2, Kb-K8 (ch).

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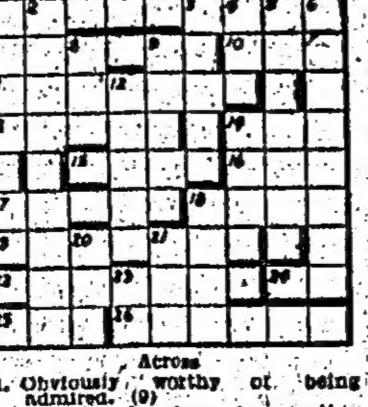


AT 2.30, 5.20, TO-DAY LOVE'S NO GAMBLE ... THE WAY SHE PLAYS! ROBERT YOUNG - BARBARA HALE

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Rupert and the Young Imp--26



in One over this and rou've had

Known in Hollywood as polsonality, (2)
Peculiarly, enough this number
18. (3) 26. Uncovered. (6)

1. The state of being not present. This should give you light in-

Aden. (4) to would be splitting. Holution of yesterday's puzzle.—Asressi

1. and 4. Down, items collector; 3; 5ill;

2. liston; 40 Trailer; 19, lota; 13, laten; 14 Vale; 16 Nero; 18, Cares

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7. Bad French returns to a resting place, noisy no doubt. (6)
10. I am showing intention. (8)
11. Lots little Edward gate mixeds 14. It helps in understanding. (3)
10. Made into fermented honey and
water and flavoured. (4)
10. Blip up. (3)
11. It is often taken by the most

a. The last word to a copper. (6) 5. Class of American ships, (7) 6. Hero it takes an ant to upoet the grime. (8)

8. Lap, toy, or sporting 7 (3)

9. Fasontial oil. (5)

12. You will see that it belongs to them. (5)

18. Funny that he should come from

London, July 23. Board of Trade sources said tonight that on Cabinet Instructions the British trade delegation was holding final last-minute discussions with the Soviet Government representatives in Moscow

tonight. These sources said if this meeting failed to overcome the obstacles in negotiations, Harold Wilson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, would, fly back to Britain

The price the Soviet is asking for wheat in generally believed to be the stumbling block.-United Press.

## Intercepted Jews Way Land In France

Paris, July 23. The French Government has decided to allow refugees from the President Garfield to land in France and give them immediate

The decision was announced by the Minister of Veterans. Francois Mitterand, acting as Government spokesman following a Cabinet meeting at President Auriol's country house at. Rambouillet.

M. Mitterand said the Jews would not be forced to land, but those who would do so would be helped. This reverses the previous French refusal to let them land.

The British Ambassador, 'Mr Alfred Duff-Cooper, visited Ramboulllet during the meeting, but M Mitterand said this was not connected with the refugees' case.

Disclaims Responsibility "France intends to observe an Hon: attitude of humanity," M. Mitterand: said. He said France had agreed not to pass on any more illegal immigrants to Palestine but disclaimed asserting that most came from Germany with their passports in order and with apparently valid Colom-

The Colombian Ambassador, Fernando Londono y Londono, told a press conference the Garfield refugges, would not be allowed to go to Colombia.

Senor Londono said the French consulted Colombia on the question, solved. Good progress with India. land in Colombia.—United Press.

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## Trude Talks Truman Non-Partisan Obstacle Committee Meets To Examine Foreign Aid

Washington, July 23. An important step in the evolution of the Marshall Plan was taken today with the first meeting of President Truman's nine-man "non-partisan" committee, which will be responsible for estimating the extent of the United States' contribution to an

overall reconstruction programme.

Under the chairmanship of the Secretary of. Commerce, Mr Averell Harriman, the Committee, representing both the major political parties as wellas industry, labour and allied fields, began work under the terms of reference from President Truman that they "determine the facts with respect to the character and quantities of United States reserves available for economic assistance to foreign countries, and advise, in the light of these facts, on the limits within which the United States may safely and wisely plan to extend such assistance."

## U.S. TARIFF DISCUSSIONS GENEVA

Geneva, July 23. Informed quarters at the Trade and Employment Conference said the United States countries under the plan, was heard. tariff team was 'making considerable progress towards its goal of completing tariff agreements with 15 countries repre-

ment is expected within a few days. closed doors and was otherwise large-Satisfactory progress in the Benelux ly organisational. Custoris of Belgium, the Nether-French responsibility in this case, lands and Luxemburg. Negotiations with France practically deadlocked. Czechoslovakia progressing slowly. Negotiations with the British Commonwealth group held up through deadlock with Australia over

Meanwhile, the United States has completed preparatory work with Canada and the United Kingdom, enabling speedy progress once the morrow.-Reuter. Ministry of Foreign Affairs had not Australian deadlock has been we-

and he denied that the refugees. A substantial measure of difficulty were carrying valid Colombian visas. with the Latin-American countries . He said if they had such they were was reported but the outlook is not false and he would prefer charges unhopeful. Negotiatons with Brazil ngainst those responsible. for the are stalling because of the Brazilian forgeries. He added that the Gar- tariff increases averaging 40 percent field did not carry papers valid to above 1938. Cuba-shows consideraable progress, but Cuba is proposing a raise in certain tariffs. Negotiations with Chile have slowed up . while the Chileans await instructions from Santiago.-United Press.

## FIREFOLLOWS **EXPLOSIONS** INLIVERPOOL

Liverpool, July 23. Nine miles of Liverpool's vital docks, tram cars and electric trains went dead today when explosions followed by fire gutted the high tension switch room at the Clarence Dock Press.

The only casualty was a cleaner, who was killed instantly by 31st, December 1946, to re-elect 30,000-volt jolt from a live wire. All fire equipment in the vicinity was rushed to the station to light the fire, which was confined

single room." The cause of the explosions still has not been determined. Scores of small villages fed by the big plant, which is the key unit of the national grid system, were also

blacked out. Technicians restored partial service about an hour later-by cutting out the damaged circuit,-United Press.

### PROMISE OF GOOD HARVESTS

Berlin, July 23. Four-power food and agriculture survey teams touring the occupation zones of Germany reported today that "promising harvests" were exwith the S.S. Hong Kheng, and for pected this autumn from British

The report said that the agricultural output would be still well below pre-war levels because of acute shortages of fertilizer and skilled

farm labour. This year's harvest in the British Zone, particularly rye, barley, oats, wheat, mixed grain, potatoes and roots crops is expected to exceed the estimate made after the hard winter.' the report said.

.The quadripartite delegation has visited the British area. Tomorrow they begin their tour of the French Zone, after which the American and United Press.

### BUYING US OUT

from British owners, business under- are out of work. Russia de really less takings involving about \$20,000,- interested at the moment in export-000, during the past 12 months, the ing Communism than importing Statesman reports. Associated American-made goods at uninflated

Today the Committee heard General Marshall, Secretary of State, who brought them up to date on the overall economic situation in Europe and the progress being made fowards evolving a co-operative plan

> The Secretary of the Interior, Mr Julius Krug, who is heading subsidiary committee, and is examining the natural resources, and the extent of aid required, of the European

Mr Edwin G. Nourse, Chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, who is conducting a parallel study into the effect on United States economy of the Mar-The sources summed up the shall Plan, was also heard by the Committee.

Officials said that both Mr Harriman, who is just back from Europe, and General, Marshall laid stress on the urgency of the task with which they are grappling and called for the the final report to be ready for the Presi-A second meeting will be held to-

### Policy Towards China

Washington, July 23. Brewster, in a radio forum on a was renewed. local station, proposed today -that the United States extend the Marshall Plan in some form to the Middle East and the Far East. particularly China.

He said: "If China falls into chaos and Communism, what we do for Europe will matter little.

He said the United States should help Generalissimo Chlang Kal-shek to "put down the Communist uprising. We cannot have one policy in Greece and another in China."

Senate Policy Committee Chairman Robert Taft, on the same programme, said Secretary of State lict." George Marshall, when he went to China on a mission a year and a half-ago, compelled Chiang to deal with the Communists and generally yielded to the Russians in line with the Yalta-and Potsdam agreements which put the Soviets in Berlin and

Senator Taft added: "Now our policy to China has changed and I hope it stays changed."-United

### Wallace On Plan

New York, July 23. Mr Henry Wallace, writing in the current issue of the New Republic. said foday; "The proclamation of the Marshall Plan, so eagerly grasped by British Foreign Secretary Minister Georges Bidault, has encouraged some pessimists, whose major fear has been that Western Europe would run out of American

Marshall Plan requires Congrespredict the volume of aid the Republican-dominated Congress will give to social democracies of Westtern Europe:

"Those who predict that United. States inflation on the basis of the Marshall Plan will add to the purchasing power of Western Europe may have to change their opinions very suddenly.

"A relatively, small appropriation of \$2,000,000,000 for overseus rellef will not hold foreign and domestic purchasing power at levels necessary to maintain full employment. Really to do the job in Western Europe Wil take approximately \$10,000,000,000 while an additional \$25,000,000,000 to \$35,000,000,000 would be required to take care of the Far East, Near East, Eastern Europe and Russia."

### 'Hato Russia' Basis

Wallaco added; "If the Marshall Plan is financed by Cangress on a nate Russia! basis without adopting to spotty infintion followed by a real smash when the Congress gets tired of handing out dollars for unpro-

ductive purposes.
"Russin and Marxists everywhere awalt our economic crash. They do not want to buy from the United States at inflated prices. They have been convinced that a United States crash is inevitable and will be easier Indian interests have purchased to deal with when 10,000,000 men prices."---United Press.



## Singapore Press Protest Against Chinese Order

Singapore, July 24. Singapore's Chinisse editors have risen in indignation after reports. from Nanking that the Commission for Overseas Affairs will attempt to control Chinese newspapers in Malaya and Southeast Asia in general.

## Indonesians' Counter Offensive

(Continued from Page 1)

"In the hope of promoting an A United States-Norway agree- The meeting was held behind agreement, the British Government suggested to the Netherlands Chinese embassies and consulates. doms." Government the possible appointment of a neutral police commis- or attitude is regarded as unsioner, but this idea did not prove desirable, it would not be permitted acceptable".

Meanwhile, the British Consul- ed to visit China. General in Batavia, Mr. Mitcheson, I had done a lot of valuable work to dent by the time the European coun-, try to bridge the differences between fries have worked out their end of the two parties, which was very greatly appreciated by both.

At all time, the British Government had made it plain that they and in the British official statement Active Republican Senator Owen of July 21, this offer of good offices

### AUSTRALIAN REACTION

The Australian Council of Trade Unions will ask the Australian Government to urgo immediate negotiation to settle the conflict in the Netherlands East Indies, it was icarned in Melbourne today.

British Government to urge that ne- Chinese Government has no jurisdicgotiations be reopened immediately tion." for an early settlement of the con-

The Council is also to urge representation for settlement to the United Nations and to the World ed new order.—United Press. Federation of Trade Unions,

Mr E. J. Harrison, deputy opposition leader (United Australia Party) said today that Mr Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, must say whether Australia proposed to apply sanctions against the Dutch or Indonesians, or both, or neither, because the Australian waterside workers were already applying sanctions against the Dutch by refusing to load their ships.

Dr Sutan Sjahrir, former Republican Prime Minister in Indonesia, who is on a mission to seek world support for the Republican cause, Ernest Bevin and French Foreign said when he arrived in Rangoon today on his way to New Delbi, "We shall fight to the last man-either we win or we perish"...

Mr George Marshall, Secretary of "But the implementation of the State, disclosed in Washington to that the Dutch in Indonesia day sional action, and it is difficult to were in possession of 118 former British lend-lease fighters and bombers.

> These planes-54 B-25 Mitchells, 26 P-40 fighters and 38 P-51 Mustangs-were passed over to the Dutch Indies after the State Department had given permission.

Mr Marshall stressed that the United States had not sent any "Icthal weapons" to the Dutch after V-J Day, apart from fulfilling certain commitments and equipping a Netherlands marine regiment, which TO-DAY'S BROADCAST had been trained in the United

Several other items of American the British in Java, and taken over to 11 p.m.

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10.30, Variety "Request" Favourites: 7, equipment were also left behind by

mated idle in the spreading strike of farmworkers, threatening France's

The Agence France . Presse said that three men were wounded when the strikers fired on them at one unspecified spot as they tried to pass

With the exception of the Kuomintang-controlled Shing Jit Pao, which has sgnored the report, the Chinese press has given the story considerable prominence. Editorially, the Nan Chiau Jit Pau

said that the news was "not surprising, considering the suppression of independent newspapers in that the appointment "does not imply Shanghai."

overseas newspapers, in the future, an Government in denying the will be required to register with Rumanian people fundamental free-In the event that a paper's policy business dealings in China, nor would members of its staff be allow-

### Annual Reports

The official Central News Agency report said that in revising the ter. registration of overseas Chinese newspapers and magazines, the Commission had given instructions were ready to place their good for registration to be refused to oilices at the disposal of both parties journals "which violate the Kuomintang's principles.". Every negistered, journal would have to report annually on its work.

the minds of oversens Chinese," said | March since 1920, and an excess of the Nan Chiau Jit Pau, 'It is an births over deaths by more than unmistakable attempt to put down double the figure for the corresthe voice of the overseas Chinese in | ponding three months of last year.

The Chinese Consul General. Dr Wu Pak-shing, was quoted by an The Council is to ask the Govern- ing that he thought the new order ment "to use its influence with the "was not intended as a means of Indonesian Republic Government, the controlling Chinese newspapers out-Dutch authorities in Java and the side of China, where, of course, the

> "The intention, I think, is to control the import into China of publications printed overseas," said Dr Wu. He added that he had not yet been informed officially of the report-

### OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If mail close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day. ments attempting to reach the scene Thursday, July 24

Swatow (Sea) 1 p.m. Holhow and Bangkok (Sea) 1 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Swatow (Sea) 3 p.m.

Tsinshan, Shekki-& Kongmoon (Sea) Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Bydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m. Canton, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (Sea). 5 p.n/.

Friday, July 25 Canton (Train) 7 a.m. Macao, Tsinshan & Shekki (Sea) 8 a.m. Shanghai (Sea) Noon. Straits, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia (Sea), 1 p.m. Canton (Train) 2 p.m. Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m. Manila P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m. Ordinary letters and cards only for

Macao, Talnahan, Shekki & Kongmoon (Bea) 4 p.m. Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marsellies and London (Air) 3.30 p.m. Singapore, Colombo, Scurabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m. Saigon only (Air) 3.30 p.m. Japan (ordinary letters & cards only)
(Air) 3.30 p.m.

Canton & Holhow (Air) 3.30 p.m. Amoy, Shanghal, Nanking, Hankow, Teingtao and Pelping (Air) 330 p.m.

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The strike began in the Auneau region, Euro et Loire Department, where 300 people left their jobs sceking more pay.

The strike began in the Auneau lay: News: 10.10, Weather Report: 10.11, The Kentucky Minstrels: 10.30, Plano Interlude: 10.35, Benjamin Britten: Young People's Guide to the Orchestra Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra: 10.53, BB.C. Transcription Service: The Epilogue": 11, Close down. Epilogue"; 11, Close down.

Printed and published by Frederick through the picket lines. The Parcy Franklin for and on behalf of Agency said the bulk of workers were South Ching Morning Post Limited not leaving their jobs.—United at 1-3 Wyndinam Street, City of Victoria, it the Colony of Hongkong.

## Kumanian Journalist Kidnapped

Vienna, July 23. A. Rumanian journalist. George Nenison, nephew of the Inte Nicolas Titulescu, famous Rumanian Foreign Minister, was reported here today to have been kidnapped by men described as foreign secret police agents in central Vienna yesterday morning.

Nenison was stated to have feared for some time that he would be kidnapped by Rumanian Govern-ment agents and had been trying to escape to France. A. ban on all Austrians leaving the Soviet zone of Austria, without a special stamp on their documents, made this im-

Large numbers of 'Hungarians, Rumanians, Poles and Yugoslava who have tried to cross the border without a permit are reported, to have been arrested at the zonal frontier by Soviet troops and deported to their own countries. Some who have elected to remain In Vienna are said to have been kidnapped and taken back to their homelands,-Reuter.

### New U.S. Minister

Washington, July 23, President Truffan today named Mr Rudolf Emil Schoenfeld as United Chung. States first postwar Minister to Rumania.

> Mr Schoenfeld during the war was First Secretary of American missions to various exiled governments in London. He has been in the United States foreign service since 1916.

The United States warned Rumania that the United States Government One report from Nanking said that | condones the actions of the Rumani-

> Explaining Mr Schoenfeld's uppointment, the Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, sald: "The specintment predicates the intention interest in the welfare of Rumanian people, to keep itself informed of developments in Rumania and to continue its effort on behalf of American interests there."—Reu-

### High Birth Rate

London, July 23. The highest birth rate in England | 1947/48. "This will create a bad effect on and Wales for any quarter ending line with a reactionary policy at | are 'recorded by the Registrar General in returns published to-

During the period, 241,421 births . All Affiliated Clubs are entitled English language paper here as say- were registered, representing a birth to send two representatives to the rate of 22.8 for a thousand of total population.

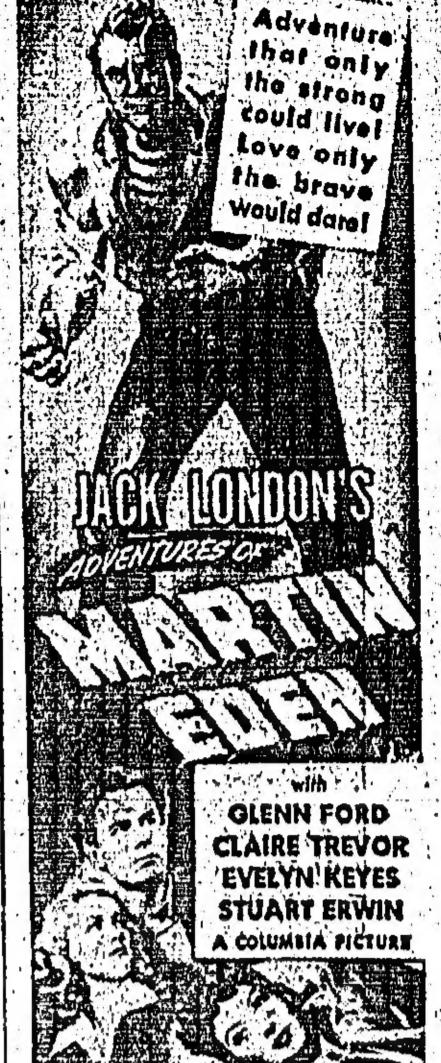
The "natural increase" of the population—the excess of births over deaths-in the quarter was 59,488 against a corresponding excess for the same quarter last year of 25,995,-Reuter.

### Haifa Explosion

Jerusalem, July 23. A loud explosion rocked Haifa at 8.30 tonight. The explosion was believed have been from a delayed action bomb in the area near the foot

found that the roads were mined .--

United Press.



## COMING SOON

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the United States to maintain its that the Annual General Meeting the of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at the Glouesster Hotel, top floor. Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 28th day of July, 1947 at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon to receive and consider the Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Council and Auditors, and to elect Officers for

Dated this 18th day of July,

1947. By Order of the Council,

H. DE SA. - Acting Hon. Secretary.

CONSULADO GENERAL DE PANAMA

The Panamanian Minister to . China wishes that Panama nationals in this area contact him between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 22nd and/or Friday the 25th instant at the Pana-

manian Consulate. At the request of the Chilean Mount Carmel. Police reinforce- Embassy, Chilean citizens will; also be attended at the same hour and days.

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